GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO STATES BY CAPART
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for providing assistance to the States for the development of rural technology under the Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology (CAPART);

(b) whether the Government provides assistance to the States in proportionate to their respective rural population;

(c) if so, whether assistance has been provided to all States particularly to Madhya Pradesh in proportionate to its rural population;

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to provide assistance to the States in proportionate to the rural population; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (c): CAPART does not provide assistance to the States directly. It, however, provides assistance to NGOs for the development, dissemination and transfer of appropriate rural technologies for the upliftment of the rural poor. The basic objectives of the project proposals under Advancement of Rural Technology Scheme (ARTS) should be upgrading skill, reducing drudgery, reducing physical labour, increasing efficiency, increasing productivity, improving quality, enhancing income, generating employment, improving environment, recycling of waste materials, utilization of local resources, improving hygienic conditions and improving quality of life of rural masses by using advanced techniques and appropriate technologies for increasing rural prosperity. The technologies supported should be simple, easy to learn, easy to demonstrate, easy to maintain, cost effective, environment friendly, culturally and socially acceptable to the target groups. Further, the technologies should utilise locally available human resources and to the extent possible, local materials which are currently unused/under-used or wrongly used. The proposals should not be purely research oriented and for creation of infrastructure for the organization.

(d) & (e) As regards assistance to the States in proportionate to the rural population, no such proposal is under consideration of CAPART.